¶ *A Letter from Major General Sir* Hardreſs VValler, *and the Council of Officers at* Dublin *to Lievtenant General* LUDLOVV.

Sir,

WE have recieved a Letter from Lt. Col. *Puckle* Governor of *Roſs*, and in it one from you to him, dated at *Duncannon*; wherein you require him to preſerve Garriſon for the Parliament: He had done that before he had any Orders from you to do it. We wiſh you had rather ſent Orders of that nature to your Subſtitute Col. *Jones*, when he ſo long and ſo openly acted againſt the Parliaments Authority; than to Lt. Col. *Puckle*, who, you could not but know, had together with us declared for it. When you were in this Bay, you recieved an Aſſurance under all our hands, That we had declared (as in duty bound) for a Parliament, whoſe commands both concerning you and our ſelves, we would cheerfully and punctually obey: But you write to Lt. Col. *Puckle*, That we had ſet up for ourſelves; We will not ſay, that you have ſet up for your ſelf, though your ſtaying, if not acting, amongſt thoſe who had ſet up for themſelves at *London*; your never declaring for the Parliament, when moſt of the Army here had declared againſt them; your poaſting from the Parliament, when you your ſelf write they were to ſit within a day or two; and your now caſting your ſelf into that onely place, in this Nation, which hath not, together with us, declared for the Parliament: might, we ſay, give us a juſter riſe to believe you had ſet up for your ſelf, than our Actings or Letters have given you cauſe ſo untruly to report of us. If you have aſſumed that belief concerning us, becauſe of our not admitting you here, we hope whatever you your ſelf are pleaſed to believe, all unbyaſſed perſons will, with us, judg, it was not conſiſtent with our duty to admit to the command of the Parliaments Army here, (till their pleaſure was ſignified) a perſon that had ever ſince their interruption reſided among, and (we more than doubt) acted with their Enemies; that would not ſtay two or three days for their ſitting, to bring their commands with him; and who ſtands now accuſed before them with ſeveral Articles of High Treaſon.

Truly Sir, your Actings have made our ſuſpicions but too ſtrong. You went declaredly from hence with an Addreſs from this Army to the Parliament; and to ſettle accoding to their commands, the Forces in this Nation: But though you met at *Conway* the news of their being by force kept from ſitting, whereby the end you propoſed by your journey, was cut off even in the beginning of it; yet you went on to thoſe who had offered that ſinfull violence. 'Tis true you ſay, That by a Letter you recieved from the factious Party, which had been guilty thereof, they intimated unto you, that a ſtop for the preſent was onely put upon their ſitting, and conſequently, a dore of hope was opened to you to bring them to their duty: but let all rational men judg, Whether it had not been a much more probable way conducing to that end, for you to have return'd to the Army, and accompanied your perſuaſions with a Declaration, That if thoſe were not liſtned unto, the Forces of this Nation ſhould be imployed by you to bring them to their obedience, which fair means could not effect. We doubt you had too good an opinion of ſuch men, or of the force of your own reaſons, to believe that thoſe who would not liſten to the Authority and Commands of a Parliament, would be brought to their duties by the prevalencie of your particular arguings or deſires. Had worthy General *Monck* been poſſeſt with the like thoughts, and employed onely his Arguments and Intreaties to reduce them, putting his perſon alſo at the ſame time in their power, 'tis to be fear'd we had recieved our Laws from *Wallingford*-houſe, and not from the Parliament, who onely can make and repeal them. But allow you could be ſo much miſtaken in them and in your ſelf, why did you not forthwith return to your duty here, when you found experimentally the unſucceſsfulneſs of your endeavors there; it being then too manifeſt That the Council of Officers at *Wallingford*-houſe, were ſo far from reſtoring the Parliament, that they voted the calling a New one, with a Senate, and one and twenty Conſervators with power in ſeveral particulars above both Senate and Parliament: And when alſo Col. *Jones* (who you intruſted with the Army here) did openly ſend out Orders for the election of two out of each Regiment to compoſe that Meeting at *London*, which was to introduce this new Government, and vigorouſly contributed, what in him lay, to promote Subſcriptions to an Agreement, as oppoſite and deſtructive to the reſtauration of the Parliament, as even thoſe forementioned Elections were deſigned to be: for which Elections we hope you have not forgot, how by particular Letters to ſeveral Officers here (ready to be produced) you did appear but too Active and Encouraging. But leaſt you might not remember the Contents of Letters to private perſons and of an antienter date, we ſhall mind you of one written to a publick Perſon, *viz.* Col. *John Jones* and of a freſher date, *viz.* the 17. of *December* laſt, wherein you uſe theſe very words: *We ſeem to be neceſſitated to look towards the Long Parliament; 'tis to be fear'd they will be very high, in caſe they ſhould be brought in without Conditions.* Let all that hear this, judg how fit that perſon is to command an Army of the Parliaments, that includes himſelf amongſt thoſe who not out of willingneſs, but neceſſity, ſeem to be looking towards the reſtauration of the Parliament; and who expreſſes a fear they would be very high, if not bound up by Conditions before their admittance. Your duty had been the contrary to what your fears are; and we would gladly know, who you judged fit to put Conditions upon the Parliament. But ſince you fear the Actings of the Parliament, unleſs brought in by Conditions; you teach us thereby to keep you from the Head of one of the Parliaments Armies, leaſt you ſhould make uſe of their Forces, to ſecure you, and thoſe like minded with you, from your fears: For our parts, we deſired no earthly thing more than their reſtauration, and bleſs God, both our duties and innocencie makes us not fear, but deſire they ſhould ſit as a Parliament, that is, without any previous Conditions put upon them. You that could fear the Parliament would be very high, in caſe they ſhould be admitted without Conditions, and have aſſociated your ſelf of late with thoſe, the moderateſt of which were guilty of that Apprehenſion, may be ſuſpected to have been pleaſed with, if not conſenting to the Interruption of that Authority, whoſe high acting are confeſſedly feared by you.

We ſhall not much dwell upon the Title that you give Col. *Jones*, of *Dear Friend*, in the ſaid Letter; though in it we cannot but obſerve, That 'tis not probable you would call him by that name, if you thought he had falſified the truſt you had repoſed in him; and yet that he has publickly acted againſt the Authority of Parliament, and their Laws could not be unknown unto you, were it onely in reference to that particular Subſcription promoted, of owning the Lord *Fleetwood* Commander in chief of the Armies of this Commonwealth, contrary to an expreſs Act in that behalf, whereby from your Subſtitute, he became my Lord *Fleetwoods*; and you from Lieutenant General under the Parliament, to become Lt. General under their Enemies. If you approv'd of this Action, why ſhould we recieve you? if you diſapprov'd it, why do you give the chief promoter of it the Title of your *Dear Friend*? In the ſame Letter alſo you have theſe words, *viz. I hope ere this the Commiſſions for the ſetting of Civil juſtice on the wheels in Ireland, is come unto your hands*: which Commiſſions being ſent by the power of thoſe who had violated the Parliaments Authority, we might expect would rather have had your diſcountenance, than your hope that they would come ſafely unto his hands. And though we love to have the wheels of Civil Juſtice moving: yet we as much deſire to have thoſe wheels recieve their motion from that Authority onely which legally can give it to them: and we heartily wiſh you had the like Principle.

That you could have come from *London* hither, when your mention'd hopes fail'd you, and when your Subſtitute Col. *Jones* had ſo egregiouſly acted againſt the Parliament and with their Enemies, is evident, by your being now able to come into *Ireland*; and therefore your declining thereof ſo long, proves the fault lay more in your want of Inclination, than in your want of Power; and if you had appeared active at *London* for the reſtauration of the Parliament, or earneſt againſt thoſe here which had neglected their duty therein: it is not over probable you would have been permitted to have come for *Ireland*, which (as your own Letter imports) was well known at *London* before your departure thence, to have declared for the Parliament; unleſs thoſe that permitted you to come for this Countrey, had believ'd your actings here (if reciev'd) would prove more advantageous to them than to the Parliaments ſervice. You went to *London* to repreſent things to the Parliament, and ſtayd there all the while that by force they were kept from ſitting; and as ſoon as ever (through Providence) they were reſtor'd to ſit, you haſten away hither, without any application to them. This being the matter of Fact, we leave it to all ſober men to make the inference; We cannot indeed but admire, that having aſſur'd you under all our hands, whatever the Parliaments commands were concerning you, when your caſe was heard by them, they ſhould be cheerfully and readily obey'd; That you would rather elect to put things into extreams, as much as in you lay, than patiently waiting a little time, to have them recieve a legal and quiet iſſue. If your Actings have not incapacitated you to ſit in the Parliament, doubtleſs it had been more proportionate to you, to have gone to *London*, and there have acted what you went over for, than to put your ſelf up into *Duncannon*, the onely place that has not (together with us) declared for the Authority of the Parliament. Some poſſibly from thence may inferr, That you think it a more hopefull and more expeditious way to attain the command of this Army, from ſo ſmall a beginning thereunto as *Duncannon*, than to acquire that end by any hopes you have of reviving the Parliaments Commiſſion for it: We have upon all theſe Conſiderations thought it our duty to the Parliament, to ſend Forces for the blocking up *Duncannon*; of all which we thought fit to ſend you notice, and remain

Your humble Servants,

Dated at *Dublin*, Jan. 10. 1659.

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